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FLICKERS RECEIVES NEW ENGLAND EMMY® NOMINATION

2019 Public Service Announcement Campaign Created for The Rhode Island International Film Festival Celebrates International Filmmakers and Rhode Island Tourism

(PROVIDENCE, RI • May 7, 2020) • The **FLICKERS' Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)** has been nominated for a **New England Emmy® Award**. The Board of Governors of the Boston/New England Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) notified Flickers about the nomination in the category of Public Service Announcement (PSA) – Single Spot in the 43rd Annual Boston/New England Emmy competition. This marks the **15th** time video work produced by Flickers has gone on to be nominated for Emmy Awards. There have been **four (4)** wins.

Over the past 38 years Flickers has been empowering filmmakers from across the globe. As New England's only Oscar®, BAFTA and Canadian Screen-qualifying film festival, the Rhode Island International Film Festival has had 71 films nominated for Academy Awards. Ten films have won.



This year's Emmy® nomination "Discovery" is a magical realist homage to the curation of films and how they arrive in the Ocean State. In 2019, Flickers received over 6,500 entries from over 65 countries. The spot implies that similar to finding shells on a beach (a traditional New England past time), films arrive to the Festival via the ocean currents. "Discovery," Flickers' 2019 PSA campaign features a 1:24 min. and 30 sec. spot. Shot at Weekapaug Beach, Westerly, Rhode Island on the Red Weapon 8K Camera with Atlas Anamorphic Lenses, the campaign was directed/edited by Eric Latek, conceived by Duncan Putney and featured actor, Michael Grando. Shawn Quirk from Flickers served as Producer. George T. Marshall

was the Executive Producer. The PSA campaign played on WLNE ABC6, Cox Communications/Cox Media, and WSBE Rhode Island PBS.

"We are proud to be in such excellent company with this PSA Campaign nomination and grateful for the recognition of our promotional campaign for the Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival. We extend sincere thanks to everyone who made this promotional piece, which pays tribute to the beauty of New England's coastline and the incredible films we receive every year from across the globe" said **Michael Drywa, Esq.**, Flickers Advisory Board President.

FLICKERS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization that supports and promotes the film arts in Rhode Island and throughout New England. Over the past two decades, its production, the Rhode Island International Film Festival, has screened **5,426** independent films and videos out of **68,337** entries, presented **1,322** World/North American premieres, featured over **1,100** entries that were locally

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produced, and hosted **4,915** filmmakers and crew. Since its inception, over **460,000** film lovers have enjoyed the Rhode Island International Film Festival and its programming, not including those in New England watching its weekly broadcast and cable programming series, **doubleFEATURE**.

The NATAS Boston/New England Chapter will present the 43rd Boston/New England Emmy® Awards Ceremony as a virtual event at a date to be announced.

ABOUT FLICKERS' RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:

The **FLICKERS' Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)** has secured its place in the global community as the portal for the best in international independent cinema, earning the respect of domestic and foreign filmmakers, filmgoers and trend watchers. This confluence of art and commerce brought together world-class celebrities, award-winning filmmakers, new talent and audience members in record numbers last year. Ranked as one of the top-10 festivals in the United States, RIIFF is one of **10 festivals worldwide** that is a qualifying festival for the Academy Awards® in both short film and documentary short film through its partnership with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences®

For more information about the **FLICKERS' Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running **August 4-9, 2020** at **The Vets** (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium) and online, please visit www.RIFilmFest.org or call **401.861.4445**.

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